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### DR. TAFIDA ASSURES THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ON THE OCCASION OF NIGERIA'S INDEPENDENCE

At a function, marking the 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Nigeria's Independence, held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at the Chancery, the High Commissioner, Dr. Dalhatu Sarki Tafida, OFR, assured the international community of the strong resolve of the Federal Government to deal with "the most recent menace of terrorism and security challenges" facing the country.

2. Recalling the recent successful conduct of general elections in Nigeria, Dr. Tafida informed the guests that the elections marked "a significant democratic process adjudged by both local and international observers and monitors to have been free and fair, reflecting the popular will of the Nigeria people across ethnic, religious and social divides".

3. The occasion was attended by members of the diplomatic corps and a cross section of Nigerians in the U.K.

4. In another related event marking the Independence, the High Commissioner on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011, hosted a cross section of Nigerians and friends of Nigeria in the U.K. to a reception/cultural evening at Abuja House, the official residence of the High Commissioner. A book "**Nigeria Democracy Alive**" written by a Nigerian, Dr. Layo Adeniyi was launched by the High Commissioner during the occasion.

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